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## **Steve Badgett Named Interim General Manager of Riverside Public Utilities**

*Former Deputy General Manager with 23 years of service to RPU to take helm*

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Steve Badgett, who has served in a variety of management and executive roles in 23 years with Riverside Public Utilities, was named Interim General Manager of the city’s publicly-owned utility on Tuesday. He will take over daily operations of RPU when current General Manager David H. Wright retires in late August.

Badgett has been RPU’s Deputy General Manager, the second-highest position in the utility, since 2000. He has nearly 39 years in the public utility business, both in Riverside and his native Tennessee.

“Steve Badgett brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in the utility industry to this new position,” City Manager Scott Barber said. “He has years of service to the citizens of Riverside and will provide a stable transition to the ultimate selection of a General Manager.”

Badgett has been a member of RPU’s executive leadership team for many years, providing valuable insight into the development of the utility’s strategy and policies. He also is responsible for power delivery, supervising 225 employees who engineer, build, maintain and operate the city’s electric, streetlight and telecommunications systems.

Prior to being named Deputy General Manager in 2000, Badgett served as the utility’s Principal Electrical Engineer/Engineering Manager and, before that, Senior Electrical Engineer, Capital Projects. He began his career at Memphis Light, Gas and Water in Memphis, Tenn.

“I am very pleased to be able to provide another level of service to RPU, which has been such a big part of my career in public utilities,” Badgett said. “RPU is a unique resource in Riverside, and I look forward to continuing the strong and steady leadership that Dave Wright has demonstrated.”

In addition to a number of leadership roles on regional, state and national utility-related boards, Badgett also is very active in Riverside's business and professional community. He has chaired the Leadership Steering Committee for the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce and has been a member of the Board of Advisors to the Department of Electrical Engineering at UC Riverside. He is a 2006 graduate of Leadership Riverside.

"Riverside is fortunate to have a leader of Steve Badgett's stature to serve as RPU's interim general manager," Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gardner said. "I'm confident that our municipal utility will continue to thrive under Steve's guidance."